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SUBJ: CONSTANTINE STATEMENT ON GREEK REFERENDUM

1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 23 IN ROME, FORMER KING CONSTANTINE HAS APPEALED TO THE GREEK PEOPLE TO VOTE NO IN JULY 29 REFERENDUM. DENOUNCING VIOLATIONS OF POLITICAL LIBERTY IN GREECE, CONSTANTINE ASSERTED THAT NUMBER OF POLITICAL ARRESTS GROWING AND THAT AN ENRMOUS PROPAGANDA MACHINE HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF LIES AND THREATS AIMED AT CONVINCING GREEK PEOPLE THAT THEY MUST BE SLAVES TO ENJOY SECURITY.

2. IN APPEALING FOR NEGATIVE VOTE ON REFERENDUM QUESTION, CONSTANTINE SAID THAT HIS APPEAL NOT AIMED AT PROTECTION OF THE THRONE OR TO DEFEND HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF STATE BUT ONLY FOR GREECE AND GREEK PEOPLE. IF THERE WERE FREE REFERENDUM, CONSTATINE SAID HE WOULD BE FIRST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE. HOWEVER, JULY 29 PLEBISCITE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MONARCHY AND IS DIRECTED AGAINST GREEK POPULACE. CONSTANTINE THEN WENT ON TO CHALLENGE CURRENT REGIME TO ABOLISH MARTIAL LAW, GRANT AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL CRIMES, PERMIT FREE PRESS AND RESIGN IN FAVOR OF IMPARTIAL GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF HOLDING REFERENDUM TRULY REFLECTING POPULAR WILL.

3. REAL VALUE OF OPPOSING REFERENDUM, ACCORDING CONSTANTINE, IS
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NOT IN DETERMINING RESULTS WHICH TOTALITARIAN REGIME HAS ALREADY

PREDETERMINED. VALUE OF MASSIVE NEGATIVE VOTE IS TO CREATE
POWERFUL MORAL CLIMATE WHICH WILL MAKE THE TYRANTS TREMBLE
AND PREVENT THEM FROM RECRUITING THOUSANDS OF NECESSARY FOLLOWERS
IN THE FACE OF THE UNITED OPPOSITION OF MILLIONS.

4. REGARDING ARMED FORCES, CONSTANTINE CLAIMED THAT MILITARY DOES
NOT STAND WITH REGIME AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT NAVAL REVOLT.
MESSAGE CONCLUDED WITH APPEAL TO OFFICIALS, MEN OF THE ARMED
FORCES, THOSE OF THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND EVERYONE HAVING
SWORN FAITH IN THE CONSTITUTION TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION
COURAGEOUSLY AND FREELY. VOLPE

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